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The Secretary of State presents his compliments to Their Excellencies and Messieurs and Mesdames the Chiefs of Mission and has the honor to inform all missions of the change in the endorsement used in newly-printed diplomatic and official passports for all eligible family members of U.S. government employees.

The new endorsement in diplomatic passports for all eligible family members, including spouses, is: “THE BEARER IS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF (NAME OF SPONSOR), ABROAD ON A DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.”

The new endorsement in official passports for all eligible family members, including spouses, is: “THE BEARER IS A MEMBER OF THE FAMILY OF A PERSON ON AN OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.”

Previously issued diplomatic or official passports containing the legacy endorsements remain valid.

Missions should call (202) 895-3500, extension 2 with any questions or concerns.

Department of State,

Washington, April 9, 2014.

